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Subject: USS Reference Number: 11-0140
ACHD Reference Number: N/A
Sulfur Plant
USS Clairton Works

Gentlemen:

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the subject incident. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 412-233-1015.

Sincerely,

James F. Dudek
Plant Manager
Clairton Works

NOTICE OF BREAKDOWN OF EQUIPMENT
ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

1. USS Reference Number: 11-0140
ACHD Reference Number: N/A
2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 05/28/11 Time: 2111 hours
3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation - USS Clairton Works
4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: Sulfur Plant
5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
6. Location: Clairton, PA
7. Nature and cause of breakdown: The 40 grain H₂S limit at the Sulfur Plant was momentarily exceeded between 2111-2126 hours on 05/28/11 and 0945-1015 hours on 05/29/11. The 102E Stripper Carbonate Solution Level generated false readings due to moisture in the transmitter.
8. Identification of Emissions:
 - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO₂, Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.)
Hydrogen Sulfide in the down river gas, causing higher SO₂ at the combustion points.
 - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SO₂ is an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
 - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).
Light to Moderate
9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so).
The moisture was removed from the transmitter. Gas processing stabilized and normal operations resumed.
10. Facility back in operation - Date: 05/29/11 Time: 1015 hours

Signature

Coleen M. Davis

Date 6-1-11

Coleen M. Davis

Senior Environmental Control Engineer

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